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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



September 23, 2008

Applicants: Junzo SUNAMOTO et al

For: COSMETIC PRODUCT CONTAINING
POLYSACCHARIDE-STEROL DERIVATIVE

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Atty. Docket No.: Yanagihara 62

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**

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Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the abandonment of the present application and the returning of it to the Examiner for further prosecution.

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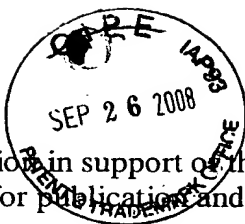
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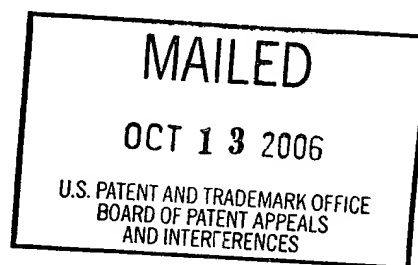
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Appeal No. 2006-2554
Application No. 09/936,953

ON BRIEF



Before SCHEINER, MILLS and LINCK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

LINCK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION ON APPEAL

This is a decision on appeal under 35 U.S.C. § 134 from the final rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-12, all of the pending claims in Application No. 09/936,953, filed Sept. 17, 2001 (hereafter the “953 application”).

Claim 1 is the only independent claim. It reads:

1. A cosmetic product comprising 99.999-50 wt. % of cosmetic components, a solvent containing at least one of a volatile oil and a volatile organic solvent and 0.001-50 wt. % of a pullulan-cholesterol derivative formed by substituting the hydroxyl groups of mono-saccharide units constituting the pullulan of the pullulan-cholesterol derivative, in



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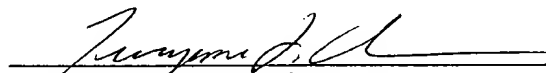
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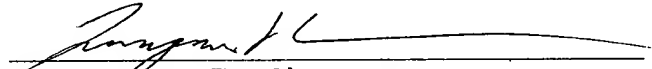
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STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

Please advise the undersigned attorney of record of the status concerning the above-referenced application. A Supplemental Response was filed with the Patent Office on March 23, 2007 and to date, no further action from the Patent Office has been received.

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Interview Summary

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Examiner

YONG S. CHONG

Art Unit

1617

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) YONG S. CHONG.

(3) _____

(2) Mr. Terry Chapman.

(4) _____

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Date of Interview: 12 September 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: _____

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Yong S Chong/
Examiner, Art Unit 1617

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney called Examiner to determine what the status of the case was. Apparently, Attorney had filed a RCE within 2 months of the Board Decision to affirm the Examiner. However, an Abandonment was filed prior to that, which prevented the RCE from being entered into record. Unfortunately since the case is already abandoned it is up to Applicant to revive the case since the Examiner cannot do anything at this point. It was suggested that the Applicant file a petition to withdraw the abandonment since Applicant has responded to the Board Decision within 2 months as verified by the record.